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Implementation of Group Insurance Scheme for Landless Agricultural Labourers in Bihar

5980. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the Group Insurance Scheme for Landless Agricultural Labourers has been implemented in Biha;

(b) the number of persons benefited by this insurance policy in Bihar since the implementation of the scheme, year-wise;

(c) whether the desired results have not been obtained by this scheme in Central Bihar; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make it more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a). The Group Insurance Scheme for Landless Agricultural Labourers has been implemented in Bihar with effect from 11.11.1987.

(b) The nmber of beneficiaries under the Scheme in Bihar has been estimated to be 18 lakhs. The year wise number of claims settled by the Life Insurance Corporation of India is given below:-

Year	*No. of claims settled*
From 11.11.1987 to 31.3.1988	Nil
1988-89	70
1989-90	78
1990-91	197

(c) and (d) Due to lack of awareness among the masses about the benefts available under the Scheme the expected nmber of claims have not been reported to the L.I.C. The Scheme is being administered through L.I.C. with the collaboration of the State/ Union Territories Governments. The success of the Scheme depends pon the prompt identification of the eligible beneficiaries. For this prpose the State Government officials at the village, Taluka and Districts levels have to take sufficient interest. The LIC on its own has introduced a number of steps to make it more effective, concentrating on massive publicity campaign involving newspaper advertisements, radio, T.V. ads, distribtion of leaflets, posters, wall paintings etc. State Government have also been reqested to activate the local machnery for this prpose.

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Enqiry into purchase of Properties by Exectives of Punjab and Sind Bank

5981. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred Qestion No. 312 on December 29,1989 and state:

(a) whether the C.B.I. enquiry instituted against the Depty General Manager of the Punjab and Sind Bank has been completed; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and th action taken by the Government on the basis of their report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Punjab and Sind Bank has reported that after an enquiry, the Central Breau of Investigation (CBI) has recommended instituting major penalty proceedings against the Deputy General Manager. After the receipt of the report of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the bank has examined the matter and as per procedre